

church to engage in the work of saving souls, in fact that is its one mission in the world, and unless souls are saved and brought into the fold it would seem that the church is not fulfilling its mission. The Lord is ready with much larger blessings for us if only we have the faith to receive them.

Brother W. H. Miller, brother in the flesh of Professor Miller, of the College, has been visiting here for eight or ten days, returns home this (Thursday) morning. He will stop in Goshen and have a consultation with Brother Rensch, President of the Indiana Mission Board. Brother Miller has about recovered from his recent sickness and will begin his regular work at North Manchester, January 18, and at Roann, January 20. May the Lord give him strength for the work to which he has been called.

This note from Brother Little, Frankfort, Indiana, is greatly appreciated, "I feel as if it would be unfair if I did not say that the EVANGELIST last week was absolutely the best church paper number I ever saw or has been my privilege to read. All credit to where it belongs. Such numbers as that raises high in our estimation our church, our ministers and our editor." There is talent in the brotherhood to put out such a number each week, illustrations included, if we could get it for the asking. We appreciate all the kind things that are being said of the EVANGELIST.

Brother Gillin reports two more accessions to the church in Waterloo, Iowa, one by baptism and the other by relation from the German Baptists. The barrel opening at Enon on New Year's day resulted in \$6 13 for missions. Brother Gillin's people are wide awake to all the interests of the church. He has in his charge an excellent agent for the EVANGELIST, in the person of brother J. M. Lichty. There are but few if any delinquents in that charge. Either Brother Lichty or the pastor is after them, and it becomes very uncomfortable for the member in that church who does not take the church paper.

From a letter by Sister Hegler, Marcus, Ohio, accepting our two dollar offer, we take the following: "I enjoy our church paper so much that I never want to miss its weekly visit into our home. I am interested in our college, and will read with pleasure the items given in the Purple and Gold about the work of our young people. How I wish each home in the whole brotherhood would welcome our church literature. May this New Year bring happiness and prosperity to our busy editor and his family." Please accept our thanks for these works of encouragement. Let us assure you, kind sister, that such words help infinitely more in building up the work than all the fault finding that is so common with the management of a church literature. The Lord bless you and keep you, and may he help us to make our literature worthy of your support, as well as that of the whole church.

## Literary Notes

The *Chautauquan* for January is another interesting number of that excellent magazine. Among the contents we note the following:

The Moral Aspect of Insomnia, Agnes H. Morton; Individuality, James Buckham; A Pinch of Attio Salt, Mary E. Merington; A Western View of the Chinese in the United States, J. Torrey Connor; A January Nature Study, N. Hudson Moore; A Reading Journey in the Orient, George L. Robinson; Critical Studies in French Literature, James A. Harrison; The Inner Life of Corot, Adelia A. Field Johnston; Topics of the Hour: IV. Divorce.

The leading feature of the January *Arena*, which being the twenty-fifth volume of that standard review, is a symposium on "Christian Science and the Healing Art." There are four

contributors, who write from opposite the equally authoritative viewpoint. The discussion is candid, dispassionate, lucid, and unusually free from over-statement. It may be read with equal profit by both adherents and opponents of Mrs. Eddy's cult, and will be found of absorbing interest to any intelligent mind. Another contribution of the "advanced" order is "The Spiritual in Literature," by Sara A. Underwood, who presents some startling proofs of the wide-spread belief in communication with the departed. Other splendid articles are: "A Problem in Sociology," by Prof. W. H. Van Ornum; "The Legal Road to Socialism," by W. H. Phillips; "The Pan-American Exposition," by Frank E. Elwell, and the first of a series of papers on "The Criminal Negro," by Miss Frances A. Kellor. An interview with Joseph Haworth, giving the noted actor's reminiscences of his experience with the classic drama, is an interesting feature. Editorial comments on "Topics of the Times" and "Books of the Day" conclude a remarkable 25 cents' worth of the best reading matter issued by an American publishing house. \$2.50 a year. The Alliance Publishing Company, New York.

The opening number of *The Homiletic Review* for the twentieth century shows clearly and conclusively, in the authors and their subjects, the alertness of the management. There are timely topics freshly treated by the ablest writers and preachers of the day from both sides of the sea. Dean Farrar, he of Canterbury, a master in the subject of temperance, opens the number with "A Temperance Program for the Twentieth Century." We give the striking words with which he opens and those with which he closes:

The dawn of the twentieth century is now very near at hand. What would be the most precious boon we could confer upon it? What gain—especially to the English-speaking race thru-out the world—would be incomparably more blessed, and more prolific of untold happiness, than any other which we could confer upon it? I answer, without hesitation, that the greatest benefactor of his race would be the man who succeeded in bringing home to the consciences of all men that mankind has, for millenniums been suffering from a frightful, clinging curse, which of all others might the most easily be got rid of forever, but which seems to be ever increasing in the deadliness of its effects.

Other countries—altho their need and peril are nothing like so menacing as those of England—are already seriously alarmed, and are beginning to take strenuous measures. "The drink evil in Vienna," we are told, "has become so great that the authorities have declared in favor of closing all brandy shops on Sundays." France is so much alarmed at the disgrace of a drunken soldiery that the Minister of War has just issued an order prohibiting the sale of drink in barracks, camps, and maneuvering-grounds; and the French legislature has recently passed a rule that in order to protect children from the seductions of drunkenness, the principles of temperance and the perils of drink should be systematically taught in all elementary schools. Even Russia, horrified at the wholesale degeneracy of her drunken peasantry, has in the last years adopted vigorous measures to rescue them from temptation.

Is England alone, under the tyranny of "the trade" with its bloated wealth, to remain smitten with moral apoplexy, to totter onward to her final ruin "with no light in her filmy eyes, no strength in her palsied hands, no fire of righteousness in her apathetic heart?" May God avert the omen of our crimes; but if things are allowed to go on much longer as now they are, it will soon be too late for repentance or amendment. "When Mercy has played her part in vain, Vengeance leaps upon the stage. She strikes sharp strokes, and Pity does not break the blow." Will England rouse

herself ere the fall of the thunderbolt? If not, her destiny is sealed; and, long ere the close of the coming century, she will have sunk from her pride of place into a despised power, self-defeated by her own obstinate indifference to the truth that it is righteousness that exalteth a nation, and that sin is not only the reproach, but also the ultimate certain ruin, of any people.

In the Editorial Section is given a pretty full account of the movement in the American churches, known as The Twentieth Century National Gospel Campaign. The "Appeal to the Christian Public," sent out over the country thru the Associated Press, is outlined, and "The Twentieth Century's Call to the Leaders," to be sent out to all the preachers and leaders of the churches, is given in full. They will suggest how to set about pushing the Forward Movement in order to accomplish the great things desired and expected as Christendom enters upon the last century of the second millennium after the birth of Christ.

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The review of the month in the January *World's Work* sweeps over the whole field of activity in its straightforward and cheerful treatment of the most important contemporaneous events; political, sociological, educational, international and literary—from New England to Alabama and California in our own land and from Egypt to the Arctic.

The full-page portraits are: John Fiske, the historian; President Hadley, of Yale; Booker T. Washington; General Roberts, who is about to arrive in England; Capt. Crogan, the celebrated African traveller; and several full-page illustrations besides portraits—in all, 100 essential pictures.

Among the articles are: "Great Tasks of the New Century" which point out a dozen or more revolutionary undertakings which the great governments and the great corporations of the world have in hand, the completion of which will change the routes of travel and the direction of civilization.

Another notable article is "The Duty of Getting Rich," by Bishop Lawrence, of Massachusetts, who shows that the old doctrine of the depravity of riches is an economic and religious error.

Still another article of unusual interest is a character study of Lord Roberts, by Winston Spencer Churchill—an intimate and thorough portraiture of the man and an explanation of his career.

"Farming as a Profession" by J. P. Mowbray, the "J. P. M." of the New York *Evening Post* and "Park Making as a National Art," are attractive illustrated articles.

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